

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Eustathios Vassiliou  
Application No. : 09/969,563  
Filed : 10/02/01  
For : SHEET METAL FASTENER WITH MULTIPLE  
ENGAGEMENT

Art Unit : 3627  
Docket No. : AN13  
Date : November 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
2011 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the text on page 1, line 13 to read:

60/267,281 (filed 02-08-2001), 60/283,266 (filed 04-12-2001), 60/289,343

REMARKS

The Provisional Application 60/283,266 (filed 04-12-2001) was inadvertently entered as 60/283,286 (filed 04-12-2001).

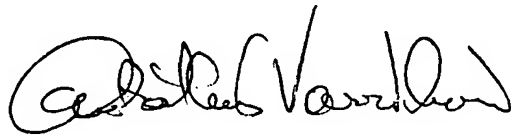
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The amendment finds support by the fact that no Provisional Application 60/283,286 (filed 04-12-2001) exists according to the records of the USPTO (Filing Receipt mailed 11/15/2001, conf. No. 8250, regarding the above referenced non-Provisional Application 09/969,563), while Provisional Application 60/283,266 (filed 04-12-2001), exists and pertains the same subject matter as the rest Provisional Applications for which priority is claimed.

A Supplemental Declaration regarding the inadvertent entering of 60/283,286 in place of 60/283,266 is also enclosed to complement the original Declaration, and Applicant respectfully requests attachment of said Supplemental Declaration to the original Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eustathios Vassiliou". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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